

19 September 1974

General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.
Assistant to the President
West Wing
The White House

Dear Al,

I have thought several times of writing you in recent weeks but refrained, partly because I was sure you already had far too much paper to read and partly because I wanted to avoid any risk of misconstrued confusion between the strictly private capacity in which I would actually have been writing and my official position, from which any comments on highly charged domestic subjects would have been decidedly improper. Even your closest friends can have only the dimmest perception of the strains you must have been under during the past few months or the intense and steadily mounting pressures which must have beset you from all sides. The details of recent weeks are not my business, nor would I presume to inquire into them. I know on the basis of our friendship and past association that everything you have done has been motivated by one single consideration -- your perception of our country's best interests. I am also sure that our country and all of its citizens are deeply in your debt.

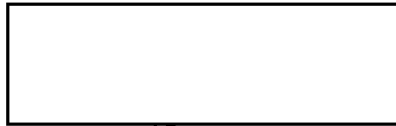
For you as an individual, I was delighted to learn of your prospective appointment as SACEUR and USCINCEUR. The responsibilities of this dual post are ones you are singularly well equipped to discharge and its pleasant appurtenances are ones you richly deserve. It is yet another area of stewardship in which I know you will serve both our nation and our allies with great distinction.

At some point before your departure, if you can find the time, I would like to have a private chat on a topic which will loom fairly large in your new sphere of responsibility: warning. This is a much discussed subject within the Defense Department and the Intelligence Community, one for which I bear a certain measure of responsibility with

respect to the latter, and one on which I want to be sure the Intelligence Community's conceptual approach is understood by and in harmony with the thinking of the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe.

Again, you have my praise and thanks (as a citizen) for all you have done and achieved over the past five years, my congratulations on your new appointment, and my hopes that the latter proves rewarding and pleasant in every respect. With warmest regards.

As always,



George A. Carver, Jr.

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Remarks: <div></div> <p>Attached is a self-explanatory note from the DCI on the current status of our former colleague, <div></div>. As you will see, he designates you as his point of continuing contact, an arrangement I assume is agreeable to all parties concerned.</p> <div></div>			
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25X1 Per our two telephone conversations today on the subject of our former colleague, 25X1 [redacted] attached is a xerox of the DCI's buckslip to me on this subject -- written after he (Colby) had talked to 25X1 [redacted]. Unfortunately, as sometimes happens, one of the concerned officers with some action responsibility (yourself) appears 25X1 not to have been marked on the distribution 25X1 list. Given what the DCI has told 25X1 [redacted] and accordingly instructed me to do, we probably should keep his Agency clearances activated to the degree indicated on the DCI's note.

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